

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Bray, Campion, MacDonald, Rodgers, and Snelling,

By Representatives Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Graham of Williamstown, Krebs of South Hero, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, and Sheldon of Middlebury,

S.C.R. 34. Senate concurrent resolution honoring natural resources and transportation historian William G. Gove of Williamstown for his prodigious research and fascinating books.

Whereas, in the 19th and into the 20th centuries, the rivers and railroads of northern New England and New York State, a geographic region commonly referred to as the North Country, served as the highway for the region's thriving logging industry, and

Whereas, Bill Gove has developed great insight into the history of North Country logging and logging-related transportation, and

Whereas, he first worked as a forester in the timber industry, before accepting employment, in 1967, with the State of Vermont as a wood utilization forester, and

Whereas, since retiring from State service in the late 1980s, Bill Gove has devoted his time to a prodigious effort of researching, compiling documentation on, and writing informative books detailing the history of North Country logging and logging-related transportation, and

Whereas, until 1915, logs were floated hundreds of miles south on the Connecticut River, an industrial activity of sufficient importance to merit governance provisions in Vermont statutory law, and

Whereas, to celebrate this remarkable activity and the rugged loggers who made it possible, Bill Gove wrote *Log Drives on the Connecticut River*, and

Whereas, Bill Gove has examined, in great depth, locomotive logging transportation in the North Country, and

Whereas, his latest volume is entitled *Logging Along the Moose River: The Story of the Victory Branch Railroad*, and

Whereas, the New Hampshire-related books include: *Logging Railroads of New Hampshire's North Country*; *J.E. Henry's Logging Railroads: The History of the East Branch & Lincoln and Zealand Valley Railroads*; and *Logging Railroads Along the Pemigewasset River*, and

Whereas, the New York title is *Logging Railroads of the Adirondacks*, and

Whereas, closer to home, the Barre quarries' railroad is the subject of his book *Sky Route to the Quarries: History of the Barre Railroad*, and

Whereas, Bill Gove's books are a remarkable compilation of the North Country's natural resource transportation history, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors natural resources and transportation historian William Gove for his prodigious research and fascinating books, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William G. Gove.